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This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 11, 2002 (Paper No. 7). Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims in light of the following amendments and remarks.

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 20 as follows:

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A spindle 30, which is received by at least one of the two knuckles, establishes rotating communication between the upper and lower knuckles. Stated alternatively, the spindle 30 rotatably engages the upper and lower knuckles 16, 24 such that the oblique terminating surfaces 20, 26 are proximate to each other. As shown in FIGs 1 and 3, when the two knuckles are in a resting position, the two knuckles (which resemble two halves of an obliquely sliced right circular cylinder) and the bushing are in continuous radial contact (i.e., they are in contact along any radius) and form a continuous cylinder.

In the claims:

Please amend Claims 1, 17, and 33 as follows:

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